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SUBMARINES SINK HALF DOZEN SHIPS

Parliamentary Situation Continues
Full of Rumors of Possible
Cabinet Changes.

London, December 27.—The departure of the Indian army from France for "another field of action" was the most important feature of the day's news, so far as the British public is concerned. Whether the new field of action is Egypt or Mesopotamia, is not announced. In both these theatres there are presumably already considerable bodies of Indian troops.

It is assumed that the places of the Indians in France have been filled by drafts from the new armies raised on the soil of the United Kingdom.

In connection with tonight's announcement it is worth noting the larger and more important share the youthful Prince of Wales is taking in the business of the Empire. It is expected that the British public both home and colonial, will read with a peculiar sense of national pride the King's words to the Indian veterans:

"Before you leave France I send my dear, gallant son, the Prince of Wales, who has shared with my armies the dangers and hardships of the campaign, to thank you in my name."

The Turkish official communication sent out today, which contained claims to successes in the Egyptian theatre, called forth an official denial from the press bureau, which states that there has been no fighting between the British and Arabs except a British attack on the principal Arab force near Mersa Matruh, and that the "Arab" force was dispersed with trifling loss to our troops.

The Turkish version says that the Turks took the offensive and killed three hundred British, but the remainder to flight and captured a quantity of booty.

The news from the other war fronts continues to show no important developments. The Russians are winning successes against weaker enemy forces in Persia, the British in Persia have had some severe fighting with the Turks without materially altering the situation; the allies at Saloniki contemplate their nearly completed fortifications with the utmost satisfaction; on the front there is little to report except minor artillery and bombing operations.

The resumption of Teutonic submarine activity is evidenced by the sinking of a half dozen ships in the past twenty-four hours, with the loss of eighty lives in the case of the French steamer Ville Du Cloetz, while two host leads of the crew are missing in the case of the Belgian steamer Minister Bernart.

Although today was a holiday in England the members of the British Cabinet returned hurriedly from the scenes of their Christmas festivities for an important meeting, in which were discussed the Derby recruiting scheme and other matters which must be threshed out when Parliament reconvenes.

The Parliamentary situation continues full of uneasy rumors and some changes in the Cabinet are being widely talked of.

There is a possibility that Sir Edward Grey's health may compel him to leave the Cabinet, although it is attended today's Winston Spencer Churchill to England, likewise, is the heads of many rumors, David Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, received a great ovation from the holiday crowd as he arrived at Downing Street for the Cabinet meeting.

Earth Shocks in San Salvador

San Salvador, Dec. 29.—Earthquake shocks which began today morning are still being felt here. A well collapsed during a shock today, killing two persons and seriously injuring two others.

Late advices from Honduras confirm the previous reports that Graciosa, a town of 4,000 inhabitants was completely destroyed by the earthquake Monday morning.

FORD PARTY FEELS MUCH ENCOURAGED

Body to Sit at The Hague or Stockholm Will Be Backed by \$2,000,000 If Necessary.

Stockholm, Dec. 27.—Delighted over what they described as their sympathetic reception in Sweden the members of the Henry Ford peace expedition today considered the possibility of returning to Stockholm, instead of remaining at The Hague, when a permanent peace commission is formed.

Many prominent citizens of Stockholm, including the mayors have visited the executive committee and tendered an unofficial invitation to the center of such peace negotiations as may arise. The Ford delegates announced today that the plan had been considered favorably but that they would withhold final decision until.

The entire expedition, however, will go to Copenhagen and The Hague, as has already been planned. At The Hague three or more delegates from each country will be selected and this constituting Mr. Ford's idea of a permanent arbitration board will sit definitely at The Hague or in Stockholm.

Mr. Ford today sent a wireless dispatch from the steamer on which he is bound for New York. He said he was improving in health and wished success for the expedition. The permanent board, the dispatch added, would be backed by Mr. Ford to the extent of \$2,000,000 if necessary.

On account of the welcome given the delegates and the hospitable tone of the Swedish newspapers, which today devote several pages to interviews and descriptions of members of the peace party, the delegates say they are inclined to think favorably of Stockholm, as the center for peace propaganda. One idea of Mr. Ford, it is announced, is to flood Europe, including belligerent countries, with literature asking for the termination of war.

NITRIC ACID OUT OF THE ATMOSPHERE

Will Be Placed on Market Saturday, Says Mr. Duke—Problem of Cheapness Not Solved.

An announcement made through the Associated Press by Mr. James B. Duke that nitric acid obtained by abstracting nitrogen from air will be put on the market next Saturday is interesting although not surprising to Observer readers, who have been kept in touch with the development of this highly interesting industry at Great Falls, S. C.

The dispatch is as follows: "New York, Dec. 28.—Nitric acid obtained by abstracting nitrogen from the air will be put on the market next Saturday by the Southern Electro-Chemical Corporation, according to a statement made tonight by James B. Duke, one of its officers.

This announcement, follows close upon the recommendation of Brig. Gen. William M. Crozier, chief of ordnance of the United States Army who in his annual report urged that the Nation take steps to be independent of the Chilean beds for the nitric used in making gun power.

Mr. Duke's company expects to turn out four tons of nitric acid a day from its works at Great Falls, S. C. about 50 miles from Charlotte.

The chemical will be produced on a much larger scale if the great problem of getting water power cheap enough can be solved. The work will very likely be carried on in Canada by the Quebec Development Company Ltd., of which Mr. Duke is the president. This company has been acquiring extensive water power rights in the neighborhood of Lake St. John and will have works on the Saguenay River.

The management of the Dreamland Theatre announce that they have made arrangements to show Damon and Pythias at an early date.

Miss Lillian Newton went to Greenwood yesterday to spend a few days.

THOSE THAT HAVE—GET BY WESTON



FRENCH INCREASE GAINS OF GROUND

Repulse Counterattacks Following Advance Between Hirsztin and Replon.

Paris, Dec. 29.—An official communication reads as follows: "The French and Allied army during the night of the 28th and 29th, the course of the day, to the north of the Aisne we destroyed by fire machine gun shelters and dispersed workers around Villages."

"In the Argonne we exploded two mines near hill 26 and to the north of La Pille Morte a small German fort was blown up.

"On the heights of the Meuse the fire of our artillery on a German battery located in the Wamont northeast of St. Mihiel, following the instruction of the aviators, gave the best results.

"In the Vosges there was a rather spirited cannonade at divers points of the sector. It was very violent in the region of Hartmannsweilerkopf."

"Notwithstanding the violent counterattacks of the enemy the action commenced yesterday left us at the end of the day masters of a series of German works, established between Replon and Hirsztin."

"The number of Germans who have fallen into our hands since yesterday has reached 300. The total number of unhurt prisoners taken since the beginning of these operations is 1,608. Prisoners say that the German losses in the course of our attack on December 21 and the following days were large.

"The Belgian official communication reads: 'To the north and to the south of Dixmude our shelling of the enemy machine gun shelters has given the best result. Our batteries destroyed the pavements of German fortified works at the Chateau de C.'"

FIRE DESTROYS COTTON

One Hundred and Fifteen Bales Burned at Newberry.

Newberry, Dec. 28.—A fire among the cotton bales on the yards of the Farmers' Warehouse company last night burned over 115 bales, excepting only superficial damage, except to about 25 bales which were injured more seriously. The cotton was fully insured. The fire caught from the sparks of a round cable car, sky rocket falling on a pile of cotton bales, there being about 1,000 bales on the yard. The two big warehouses, containing 3,000 bales, were not affected by the fire. The fire company responded promptly to the alarm and did fine work in stopping the fire.

The Union Cotton dispensaries were closed Wednesday at six o'clock P. M. for purpose of taking stock etc. There will probably be about seven or eight thousand dollars worth of whiskey on hand.

WHITE OAK NEWS

White Oak, Dec. 28. Christmas has come and so, it was a very quiet one around here. The Xmas trees and cypress supply here on Friday night last was well attended and much enjoyed by all present.

The B. & O. is some of the concerns and goes for this place during the holidays.

Mrs. J. C. McDowell is with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Smith at Statesville, N. C.

Mrs. E. B. Martin, of Newberry, and Mr. J. T. Johnson, of Woodward, are spending the week with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Mrs. M. Y. Bankhead spent several days with her father, Mr. J. T. Weller, on Blackstock R. F. D. 2 last week.

Miss Anna Belle Harvey is visiting relatives at Stover and Dawitt.

Mrs. T. E. Kell of Columbia, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Stewart.

Mr. Samuel Tennant and sister, Miss Lizzie, of School, spent a few days with their uncle, W. A. Nail this week.

Our old friend Mr. Robert Sterling has been very unwell for several weeks.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson has been ill for some time but glad to say she is improving now.

There is quite a lot of colds and Grippe in this section at this time.

Mr. W. T. Sanders and family spent Christmas with relatives at Woodward.

Miss Ella Henry, of Chester, and Miss Beon of Due West, were the guests of the Fickes Patrick this week.

Mayer M. W. Farick is in Illinois this week where he went to accompany Mrs. Patrick and little Margaret home.

Capt. F. D. Moore and Mr. Malcolm Bankhead spent Xmas with their families. They have now returned to their railroad work at Trenton, S. C.

Miss Florence Patrick has returned home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Grier, at Louisville, Ky.

Miss Emma Wilson who has been teaching at Blaney, S. C. is at home for the holidays.

Miss Agnes Patrick who has been teaching at Wrens, Ga., and Mr. Andrew Patrick from Due West are spending the holidays at home.

Your correspondent has been very unwell for some time. Have had a dull Xmas and have very little News. A Happy and Prosperous New Year to the News and all its readers. Is the wishes and prayers of your humble Scriber.

J. H. N.

Mr. J. M. Jones is engaged in moving his Coca Cola business from the present stand on Wall street to the new and commodious building on lower Gadsden. As soon as Mr. Jones gets settled in his new quarters he will make his place one of the most sanitary plants in the Carolinas.

CONSCRIPTION ALMOST CERTAIN FOR ENGLAND

Measure in Modified Form Expected in House of Commons Next Week.

London, December 29.—It is stated on excellent authority that the Cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription bill to be introduced in the House of Commons next week, giving the Government the necessary power should it be found needful to bring peace before and preserve Premier Lloyd George's pledge to married men.

Yesterday's meeting, although it failed to result in an agreement of all the ministers upon the exact question of the voluntary system versus conscription, was of a very critical and decisive character, and virtually reached the decision that the application of force may become necessary before the single man can be effectively brought to the colors.

Therefore, it was resolved that the earliest opportunity will be taken to introduce the bill in Parliament, and that the Government will endeavor to secure the necessary support to carry the measure through.

The bill is expected to be a modification of the existing law, and will be introduced in the House of Commons next week, giving the Government the necessary power should it be found needful to bring peace before and preserve Premier Lloyd George's pledge to married men.

The anti-conscriptionist ministers offered strenuous opposition, and it is still unknown whether any resolutions will be passed. It is believed, however, that this is quite likely.

The line of policy upon which a majority of the ministers agree, in dealing with conscription, at least, of the anti-conscriptionist section of the Cabinet so far waived their principle as to consent to a modified application of force in the following:

First, that the principle of conscription should be accepted.

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It is believed that the actual resolution on the new policy has been postponed until another meeting of the Cabinet, on Thursday, and that in the short interval Mr. Asquith will be employed in using the strength of his Cabinet to avert the disruption of his Cabinet by a vote possible that a crisis may be avoided.

MORE AMERICANS AT FRONT.

Thirteen Rhode Scholars Join French Ambulance Corps.

Paris, Dec. 23.—One hundred volunteer American ambulance drivers are celebrating Christmas at the front. The Americans have no longer leaves than the French, and no special holiday uniforms have been granted.

Turkey, cranberry sauce, and plum pudding for each of the drivers, provided by James H. Hyde, were sent to the front today in military transport.

Thirteen Rhode scholars from Oxford University have arrived to replace Americans who are leaving because of the exorbitant of their terms. The new men are A. S. Bryant of Nevada, C. A. Castle of Kansas, P. H. Gallor of Memphis, Tenn., J. Liles Glenn of South Carolina, Robert Good of Charlotte, Va., E. B. Jackson of Colorado, T. P. Lockwood of St. Louis, R. Lytle of Baltimore, Md. D. T. Nelson of North Dakota, S. H. Paradise of New Haven, Conn., W. Frickett of Providence, R. I., and R. H. Williams of New York.

After a year of ambulance work, J. McConnell of North Carolina and N. C. Bailey of San Antonio, Texas, have joined the Franco-American Aviation Corps. Mr. McConnell has been decorated with the War Cross.

Mr. W. D. Hawley spent last night in the city with Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Kicks.

LANSING'S SPEECH MAKES IMPRESSION

Pan-American Delegates Discuss it among Themselves—Meeting Takes Round Turn.

Washington, Dec. 29.—At practically every session of the many groups into which the Pan-American Scientific Congress is divided, the delegates extensively assembled, was consideration of means for finding substantiated data to bring general peace before and preserve Premier Lloyd George's pledge to married men.

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The Greek sovereign asked the commander why by the slowness of operations the allies had permitted the crushing of Belgium and Serbia and the failure of the Dardanelles campaign. Gen. Castelnau's reply, that nobody is held those unfortunate results were extremely regrettable.

"It would be most highly desirable," the general declared, "if Belgium and Serbia were still intact and if Russia could today be reinvigorated by way of the Dardanelles, but we are not the only ones who are whole."

It would be folly capable of jeopardizing final victory, of which alone, we have the right to think, to undertake any military action without the most complete preparation and every assurance of success humbly possible.

But material aid forces are not available, however painful the result of inaction may be, it is truly criminal to go off at half cock. Remember the Crimea, where the Russians so long held the Mameluk tower with flintlocks and round cannon balls. Well, all the German line today is a row behind.

"But just as the Russians finally were forced to give up so must the Germans. I have given three sons. I have two more; but their lives too will be paid, if need be, that victory may be complete."

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER, 31

SPECIAL CONSTABLES.

The County Board at their annual meeting on last Wednesday decided to recommend that the appropriation of \$2,000 for special constables be discontinued.

We have no inclination to criticize the action of the Board but it is to be hoped the matter will be looked into thoroughly before any final action is taken. In our opinion an inventory, so to speak, of the work done during the life of the special constables should be gone into thoroughly and compared with the time previous to the installation of these special officers.

Does the increase in fines, if there be one, justify keeping them? Does the chair-cang show a benefit by having special officers? Does the existence of special officers make rural life safer?

The majority of the citizens of Chester county reside in the rural districts, and the men being away from home a great part of the time, the women are entitled to all protection necessary. Fear of the hand of the law makes many regard the law.

ALWAYS SOMEBODY ELSE.

The extravagance of other people always has been a great worry to the rest of us. We feel that if other people would take our advice and do without the things we can't do without they would not only be better off themselves but we could devote the time we spend remonstrating with them to indulging our own pleasures.

We do not take the satisfaction in our new car we had expected because the family around the corner has bought one. We know they can't afford it. We think they have been more sensible if they had painted their horse instead.

If these are our feelings toward those who can make even a show of keeping up with us how much more aggravated are they toward the actually needy. With them we can give our indignation full play. We like to lecture them. We like to tell them what we would do if we were in their position. We like to tell them they have only themselves to blame for the situation they are in, and that if they had our gumption they would get out of it. If the object of our charity (and advice) is a man whose wages barely suffice for the needs of his family we like to point out to him the wisdom of thrift.

If we give him a coat we like to tell him it is a better coat than we had when we started out to make our fortune. If his wife buys sugar by the pound we like to tell her how much more economical it is to buy it by the barrel.

But where we really shine is when we take a pencil and figure out for him how a dollar saved grows into a hundred dollars in a few years. We like to stun him with compound interest. We take his tobacco, and by a few lady fingers turn it into a house and, let's say, we take his Sunday best robe, reduce it to a soup bone, and turn the difference into a farm. We take Johnny's ticket to the picture show and send him to college.

Of course, we don't deny that we get some satisfaction out of it. While it means worry and annoyance, especially when they don't follow our advice, as frequently happens, there are compensations and, anyway, it is our duty. The realization that that would be compensation enough even if there wasn't the added comfort of repairing the lot of the poor with curs and recognizing in the contrast the gratifying discernment of Providence in picking us for the deserved position we hold.

NOTHING ON CHESTER.

A gentleman was in town one day this week with a view of engaging in business in Greenwood. He went down to see the city clerk and inquired what the license would be on his business. The clerk asked if he were coming to establish a permanent business or was he in just for a transient stay. Upon being informed that he was coming to live here and establish a permanent business he was informed that the city of Greenwood did not exact a license from people who came here to live and engage in business.

"In commenting on this gentleman said to us, 'I tell you it makes a man feel mighty good to come to a place and get such a reception. It makes him feel at home and like coming to stay. Why I pay a license of ten dollars in the little place that I am at, and I thought I would have to pay at least as much as twenty-five dollars in a place the size of Greenwood.'"

"We took pleasure in assuring him that this was the Greenwood way. That the business men of this city would not stand for placing a license on legitimate business. It had been tried on one occasion and the protests were so strong that it was abandoned. We are glad that Greenwood is in a position to give all business men who wish to come, a hearty welcome, and impose upon them no tax for the privilege of opening business in our city. We want them to come with the assurance that they will be received gladly and made one with us."—Greenwood Journal.

Chester is right in line with Greenwood when it comes to a license and we sympathize with parties who live in towns where a city license is collected. Every city license has its favorites and when it comes to being taxed equally, there is nothing to it.

Chester too, does not exact a license for all business.

The dinner given by the Chester Shrine Club to the children of the city Wednesday was enjoyed by a host 325 little fellows. An excellent menu was served under the supervision of the wives, daughters and sisters of the members of the club. After dinner the children were taken to the Dreamland Theatre, the management of which opened their doors to the children.

PARISH-McCLINTOCK.

A marriage of interest to their friends in this city and section, was that of Miss Kathleen McClintock, of Edgemont, and T. Lathan Parish, of this city. The ceremony was performed at 6:30 on Christmas night, at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. R. A. Lunnans, being the officiating minister. Mr. and Mrs. Parish of Spruce street, but will go to housekeeping later.

Mr. Parish, is the son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. H. Parish and has a number of friends here who will be interested to learn of the event. He is connected with the Crescent Laundry—Rock Hill Herald.

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY.
(By James J. Montgomery)

COMING SOON.

Only three drops of gas, father. Only three drops of gas; This car won't go on air, you know. It's not in the Bryan class. Don't leave me beside the road, father.

To look at the fellows pass. With money in banks to fill their tanks. Give me three drops of gas.

It's only a dollar a drop, father. Only a dollar a drop. And take it from me and old John D. The tariff is going to help. But I am too proud to walk, father. And the tank is dry, alas. Only three drops of gas, father. Only three drops of gas.

DREAMLAND Chester's Modern Movie TO-DAY

"NEAL
of the
NAVY"
Episode No. 1

Wm. C. Dowlin and
Gloria Fonda in
"The Devil and Idle
Hands"

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WILTON LACKEYE IN
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IN SIX ACTS

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Neglect of children's colds often lays the foundation of serious lung trouble. On the other hand, it is harmful to continually dose delicate little stomachs with internal medicines or to keep the children always indoors. Plenty of fresh air in the bedroom and a good application of Vicks' "Vapo-Rin" Salve over the throat and chest at the first sign of trouble, will keep the little chaps free from colds without injuring their directions. 25c, 50c, or \$1.00.

VICKS' VAPORAL SALVE

ANNUAL MEETING COUNTY BOARD

Will Meet Legislative Delegation
Monday—Vote to Discontinue Special Cor. tables.

The annual meeting of the County Board was held Wednesday in the office of the Supervisor, Mr. D. G. Andersen. The annual county budget received considerable discussion, various matters being gone into. The board will meet the legislative delegation Monday at which time their recommendations will be presented to that body.

Superintendent Griffith, of the State Penitentiary has made a bill against the county for \$506.40 in connection with the case of Nelse Erice, John Crosby and Meek and Tom Griffin. The Board claims these prisoners were not sent to the penitentiary for safe keeping but were sent there to carry out the sentence of the court. The matter has been placed in the hands of the County Attorney.

Arrangement has been made, to take care of \$10,000 due on the new jail, January first by paying \$5,000 and making a note for the difference. The remaining \$5,000 is due in three annual installments.

Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Stone, moved that the annual appropriation of \$2,000 for special deputies be discontinued. Motion carried.

Being in need of money for roads and bridges the Board will ask the legislative delegation to divert the one-half mill tax from the new jail to the road levy, where it was originally. This change was brought about by an Act passed at the last meeting of the legislature.

MEMBERS OF COUN.
CIL TO MEET WITH
COUNTY DELEGATION

Some time ago the Mayor, Mr. Z. Davidson, appointed a committee from the city council to confer with the County Delegation as to a proposed change in the law applying to the issuance of bonds for the City of Chester. The present law would confine any bond issue to a few improvements and it is desirable to have the law cover several items which are not now taken care of by the act. The County Delegation is scheduled to meet Monday and in all probability the committee, appointed by the Mayor, will place the matter before them.

BANKS PAY DIVIDENDS.

The four banking institutions of Chester will tomorrow pay their usual semi-annual dividends as follows:

National Exchange 3 1/2 per cent. on a capital of \$100,000; Peoples National 3 1/2 per cent. on a capital of \$50,000; Commercial Bank 3 1/2 per cent. on a capital of \$100,000; The White Bank 5 per cent. on a capital of \$20,000. A total of \$9,750 to the various stockholders.



MONEY SAVING PRICES
WHEN WE SELL YOU SOMETHING FOR THREE DOLLARS MARKED FOUR DOLLARS WE SAVE YOU ONE DOLLAR OF SURE-ENOUGH MONEY. OUR GOODS ARE WORTH ALL THE TIME. ALL WE ASK FOR THEM AT FIRST.
WE DO NOT WANT TO CARRY OVER OUR WINTER GOODS FOR ANOTHER YEAR. THAT'S WHY WE ARE CUTTING PRICES TO CLEAR THEM OUT. COME WHILE THE "PICKING" IS GOOD.
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Reserved Seats on Sale at Chester Drug Store
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NEW YEARS GREETINGS

We take this method of thanking our friends and customers for the liberal patronage they have given us this year.

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A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Very Truly

THE BIG STORE

The S. M. Jones Company

MARKETS

Cotton Market Today.

Cotton 11.15
Cotton-seed 65 cents

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Mr. J. C. Walker, of Columbia, spent several days this week with relatives in the city.

Miss Emma Thomson spent the holidays in Rock Hill, with her father.

Mr. W. F. Caldwell, of Columbia, was a Chester visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. McKee, of Charlotte, spent a few days in the city this week with the former's parents.

Mr. David LeClair, who is with the Southern Railway in Columbia, was a Chester visitor this week.

Mr. J. White Ware, of Gastonia, spent Monday in Chester.

Mrs. G. A. Honnicks, left Monday for Charleston to spend a few days with her parents.

Mr. F. W. Hardin, who is now with the double-trucking force of the Southern Railway, at Orange, Va. is in the city.

Mr. M. S. Lewis, who has been indisposed for some time, is again able to be on the streets.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Robinson visited Lancaster this week.

Mr. S. Roy Parks, of Lancaster, who has been undergoing treatment at the Pryor Hospital returned to his home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Adams, and little son, were Union visitors this week.

Mrs. Robert Craig, of Blackstock, has been indisposed for some time.

Rev. J. M. Bigham, of Huntersville, N. C. is visiting his parents on Columbia street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Wolfe, and daughter, Miss Mary Wood, have returned to the city after visiting relatives in Greensboro.

Mr. Mark Ferguson, of the Capers Chapel neighborhood, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Pryor Hospital, is rapidly improving. Mr. Ferguson was in a very serious condition when brought to the hospital and the news that he is improving will be gratifying to his many friends.

Mr. Charles K. Connolly, a Chester boy who holds a responsible position with the Bank of Lancaster, at Lancaster, spent the holidays in Chester.

Dr. W. M. Kennedy, and little son, of York, were Chester visitors Wednesday.

Miss Sadie Craig is visiting friends in Carrellton, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Refo, Jr., and baby, of Johnsonville, are spending the holidays with the former's parents on College street.

Mr. T. L. Linze, of Macon, Ga. has returned to his home after visiting his sister, Mrs. J. L. Catbertson.

Mr. W. G. Jackson, who has been with the Carolina & North-Western Railway for some time as Travelling Auditor, has accepted a responsible position with the Southern Audit Co., of Charlotte and will take up his new duties tomorrow. Mr. Ralph Wall, who has been with the C. & N. W. several years will succeed Mr. Jackson.

The Chester County Pension Board is called to meet at the Court House at 10 A. M. Monday the 10th of January 1916.

S. B. Lathan, Chairman.

S. H. Edwards, Secretary.

Miss Kathrine Williamson is spending the week-end in Charlotte, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Yarbrough.

FOR SALE—One S. H. P. Toner Engine. Two 60 Saw Winship Gins with Condenser. One Hand Press. All in good condition. If interested apply to J. L. Morrow, Chester, S. C.

It is generally known that there are a number of applicants for the position of postmaster in Chester and rumor has it that Mrs. H. S. Heyman is one. This rumor is ridiculous and Mrs. Heyman states that she has not filed an application for the position and has never been an applicant. In all probability the appointment for the position will be made during the coming week.

Miss Bettie Brown of Lancaster spent Monday night with Miss Lottie Klutz on route to Union to visit Miss Frances Nicholson.

Mr. Harry Withers of Hartsville spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Maggie Withers.

Miss Mary Burton of Laurens, who is a student at Withthrop, spent the Christmas holidays in the city with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Craig and baby of Rock Hill spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Craig's father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Clarence Cross.

Mrs. Clarence Brock and little daughter, Theodora of Anderson arrived in the city Monday afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. L. Clarence Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hradin and children, Isabel and Paul Jr. spent a few days during the holidays in Chester with Mrs. Hradin's relatives.

Miss Sarah Wilcox of the family of Winthrop, and Lucile Withers of Abbeville are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Maggie Withers on Foote street.

Mrs. J. L. Young and son, Leland of Clinton spent the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Abel at Lowryville.

Messrs. Lex and Dewitt Klutz, spent a few days this week at McConnellsville with Mr. Joe Moore.

Miss Helen McMillan who teaches at Hartsville is spending the holidays at her home in the city.

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Wallace spent a few days this week with relatives in Orangeburg.

Mr. H. C. Rohr, who at one time was proprietor of the Carolina Inn, in this city, has been elected vice president of the South Carolina Hotel Men's Association.

Mrs. S. E. Lowrance and children left yesterday morning for Lancaster, where they will visit Mrs. E. H. Boos.

Miss Beesie Page, of Wilkburg, and Mr. Say Love were married at the Presbyterian Manse at Bullocks Creek, Dec. 19th, Rev. J. B. Swan, officiating.

A number of land sales are scheduled for Monday and doubtless a large crowd will be present on that day.

The News made mention of the fact some time ago that Wylie Brice, colored, a fugitive from Chester hanged in 3 North Carolina, being county, had been sentenced to be hanged with criminal assault in Mecklenburg county. The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer states that Governor Craig has recently commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

Lovely in every detail was the beautifully appointed luncheon given by Miss Julia Marquez on Tuesday in honor of Mrs. James H. Glenn. The home was attractively decorated in Christmas colors. Holly, mistletoe and poinsettias being used with pretty effect. Covers were laid for about a dozen and a half of the young ladies and a delicious six course luncheon was served.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was a dinner given by Mrs. R. D. Snyder at her handsome home on College street Wednesday, the lower floor being thrown en suite for the occasion.

The guests were received in the spacious hall by Misses Ella Henry and Hattie Bradford and were shown into the parlor where they were welcomed by the hostess. After a few minutes' conversation the guests, numbering about forty, were invited into the dining room where a very elaborate dinner was served.

In the decorations the color scheme, pink and green was carried out effectively.

LOST. Gilie Dog, light brown and numerous vases and bowls of home-grown flowers. A del. long three Monday night. Lame 4n left foot. Reward for return or for information leading to its recovery. J. H. Gere Teskey and Heberlein Holmes, Glens.

Mr. John Spratt of Clinton and Mr. Roy Spratt of Mt. Holly, N. C. spent a few days in the city this week.

"VIRGINIA," a beautiful four-act drama at the Opera House tonight.

Misses Oney Correll and Bertha Stahl left this morning for Jonesville to visit Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Hanes.

LOST Between Pinckney street and Jones & Co's store, a yard of black fur, was wrapped in Wylie & Co's paper. Reward to finder if returned to this office. d.h.

Miss Anna Lewis, of the graded schools faculty, is spending the week with her parents, Col. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis, in York.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Celvin and children, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Boney, in York, during the holidays.

Thos Mackorell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mackorell, underwent an operation at a hospital in Chester this week. He is now getting along nicely.—York News.

Misses Mildred and Alverna Kenney, of Rock Hill, are guests of Miss Sara Craig on Saluda street.

Mrs. H. W. Hainer spent a most delightful hostess to the members of the Tuesday Embroidery Club when she entertained on Wednesday afternoon. The home was never more attractive than on this occasion, with its wealth of Christmas decorations

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Mrs. E. F. Reid of Leovir is spending this week in the city.

Mr. T. B. Reddy, who is working at city point, Va., spent the holidays in the city with his family.

Mr. Jack Reper, of Rock Hill, visited friends here this week.

Mr. W. L. Craig of Timmonsville is spending the holidays at home.

"VIRGINIA," one of the most pleasing dramas ever presented in Chester at the Opera House tonight.

Miss Mary Johnson has accepted a position in the general offices of the Carolina & North-Western Ry. Co.

Miss Bessie Cockrell, of Birmingham, returned Sunday after a visit to her sister Mrs. J. H. Williamson, and relatives on Pinckney street.

"VIRGINIA," a Southern melodrama, with bright comedy and music interspersed, tonight at the Opera House.

The time for the payment of taxes without the penalty expires tomorrow, December 31. During January a penalty of one per cent will be added, which will be increased to two per cent on February 1. From March 1, to March 15, a penalty of seven per cent will be added to all unpaid taxes, and after the latter date delinquents will have to settle with the sheriff.

SUPERB Scenery effects will carry you "back to Old Virginia" at the Opera House tonight.

CARRIE TERRY. Miss Opera Girl, one of Fayetteville's most popular young ladies, and Mr. Frank M. Terry, of this city, who holds a responsible position with the Southern Public Utilities Co., were married Tuesday, December 26th, at Fountain Inn, by Rev. Little C. H. Johns. The young couple have arrived in the city and are making their home on West End.

K. O. P. BANQUET TONIGHT. The twentieth annual banquet of Rathbone Lodge, No. 79 Knights of Pythias, will be held in the Commercial Club rooms this evening. This is a great annual social event for the Knights who will have their lady friends with them to enjoy a feast.

Several prominent Knights will address these present on various subjects and all will take pleasure in watching Father Time turn the hand that ushers in another year. The banquet will be served by the ladies of St. Marks Episcopal church and the usual attractive menu has been arranged.

TO RESUME BUSINESS. At a meeting of the creditors of Mr. J. T. Collins, before Mr. C. W. F. Spencer Referee in Bankruptcy, Tuesday the proposition of Mr. Collins to pay his creditors 33 per cent, was accepted. Mr. Collins will resume business at his old stand in the Valley after the details are settled. This announcement, no doubt, will be read with much pleasure by the many friends of Mr. Collins, who is one of Chester's best citizens. His business reverses were the cause of genuine regret throughout the entire county.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

FROM

Klutz Department Store

Klutz Department Store enters the New Year 1916, bigger and stronger than ever before in its capacity to save money for the people. 1915 was a year in which we saved more money for the people than ever previously. We plan to make the New Year a banner sale year for us and a banner money saving year for you.

\$25 to \$40 LaVogue and Other Fine Make Coat Suits at \$9.98

We have had a big Coat Suit business and the few we have left must go regardless of price. Your choice of any of these rich and beautiful Coat Suits..... \$9.98



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If you want style and comfort try the famous EDUCATOR SHOES. We have them for every member of the family.

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We have received our large spring shipment of these 9x12 feet room size, JAP ART SQUARES, which we offer at the reduced price of..... \$2.48

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New Year Bargain Tonics

3 large 5c box Matches for 10c. 20 big Nutmegs for 5c. 8 balls Sewing Thread for 5c. Boys' and Men's 50c Caps at 25c.

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says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my household work. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my household work as well as run a big water mill."

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The Semi-Weekly News

RECORD IN FINDING DISTANCE

Longest Line Measured by Triangulation in Canada Said to Be 135 Miles.

The longest distance ever measured in Canada by means of the triangulation system was accomplished by the Canadian geodetic survey in the work in which it was engaged by triangulating the western boundary of the Dominion. One of the distances measured by the triangulation method was 135 miles long. For the measurement of one side of a triangle and the reading of the angles on the transit at the two ends of the measured line—each angle are formed by taking the sight at the distant point—the side of the triangle required to be measured can be found.

In carrying out this feat it was necessary to work at night and to use powerful acetylene lamps to find the point 135 miles distant. The transit or telescope is perched high on a mountain side in order to overcome the curvature of the earth's surface. In a distance of 60 miles it is necessary to have an elevation of 2,000 feet in order to see the point at which the instrument is sighted. In 135 miles the elevation is correspondingly greater. This is perhaps the second largest line ever measured by this method. The record is held for measurement across the Mediterranean between Spain and the northern shores of Africa, a distance of more than two hundred miles.

LOLANTHE IN DIRE PLIGHT

Excellent Reason Why She Could Not Appear When Her Cue for the Stage Was Given.

Amateur theatrical companies are proverbially choosy, and perhaps that is the reason why the talented combe Theopians selected "Iolanthe" as the means by which they would astonish the natives. As every lover of Gilbert and Sullivan is aware, one of the most effective scenes in the opera is the rising of Iolanthe from the bed of a beautiful river, and it seemed that this scene would go remarkably well. The queen and fairies had sung their welcome well, the limelight was full on

"Iolanthe! Come, Iolanthe!" sang the fairies. But Iolanthe did not appear. The queen waved her wand frantically, and the fairies anxiously repeated: "Iolanthe! Come Iolanthe!"

"It was a tense moment, and the excitement had communicated itself to the audience. Again the invitation was repeated, and then a plaintive voice from beneath the water's silvery surface was heard to say: "Can't you see I'm caught on a nail!"

See Most.

See most is term regularly applied to one of the pylons, which are compound marine animals, several of which share a common bony skeleton, or polyporous, which is planities in form. According to the bureau of fisheries, some hundred thousand pounds of these skeletons have been imported annually from Europe, chiefly from France and Germany, for decorative and millinery purposes, and the supply has been practically cut off by the war. It therefore seems opportune to develop a domestic industry, as sea mosses, probably equal in quality to those heretofore imported, are said to be abundant on the rocky shores of the New England. Those with large bulky fronds are the most valuable.

Eclipses Come in Series.

All eclipses occur in series, the first one of which takes place at one of the poles and the last at the opposite pole. The whole number in the series of lunar eclipses is computed for a period of about 870 years while the entire series of solar eclipses covers a period of 1,500 years. Yet the time of the beginning of any of these eclipses, and the path of totality or partial obscuration can be calculated to the moment of the mile. This is a matter difficult to explain to the amateur in language to be easily understood. The statement of the fact is sufficient. To ordinary students or observers the reasons for totality or partial obscuration are much more interesting, simply with the passing of each year.

Amazing Appetites.

If a baby had the appetite of a young potato beetle it would eat from 50 to 100 pounds of food every 24 hours. It is a potato beetle, but a potato beetle devours whole day at least five times its weight of foliage, every bit of which represents just so much money to the farmer. The most destructive of all insects, however, is the grasshopper; which, when in good health, consumes in a day ten times its weight of vegetation. No wonder that whole crops are devastated by its multitudinous swarms.

Mean Old Thing.

"That fellow Tompkins is a pretty slick proposition."

"What has he done now?"

"He buys all his cigars at a department store and has them put on his wife's charge account, and then when the first of the month comes around he calls her down for running up such extravagant bills."

TAX RETURN NOTICE FOR 1916.

In accordance with the law tax books for the return of all real and personal property for the year 1916 will be open on Saturday, Jan. 14, 1916, and will be closed on Feb. 20, 1916, after which the fifty per cent penalty will be attached to all delinquents.

Sec. 1, Act 283 of the General Assembly of North Carolina, provides as follows: It shall be the duty of all persons to make returns of all personal property, and return all new property that has changed hands real and personal property.

For the greater convenience of persons residing in different portions of the county it will be the following policy on the dates assigned after which it will be in effect continuously prepared to take returns:

J. S. Stone's Monday, Jan. 3rd, 12 to 3 p. m.

Blackstock, Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 9 to 11 a. m.

Great Falls, Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 1 to 3 p. m.

W. A. Gladden's Store, Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 9 to 11 a. m.

B. A. Kagsada's Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 1 to 3 p. m.

Mrs. W. P. McCullough's Thursday, Jan. 6th, 9 to 11 a. m.

Great Falls, Thursday, Jan. 6th, 1 to 2 p. m. at Keltner's Store, and 2 to 3 p. m. at Republic Cotton Mill Store.

Bensonville, Friday, Jan. 7th, 10 a. m. to 12 p. m.

Ridgely, Friday, Jan. 7th, 2 to 5 p. m.

H. H. Ferguson's Store, Saturday, Jan. 13th, 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Landover, Saturday, Jan. 13th, 3 to 5 p. m.

Fert Law, Monday, Jan. 16th, 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Waller's store, Tuesday, Jan. 11th, 2 to 4 p. m.

Edgewood, Wednesday, Jan. 12th, 2 to 4 p. m.

Landover, Wednesday, Jan. 12th, 1 to 3 p. m.

J. G. Holte's store, Thursday, Jan. 13th, 9 to 11 a. m.

Rodman, Thursday, Jan. 13, 1 to 3 p. m.

Lewyville, Monday, Jan. 17th, 10 a. m. to 12 p. m.

W. H. Carter's store, Monday, Jan. 17th, 2 to 4 p. m.

Wilkesboro, Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 10 a. m. to 12 p. m.

White's store, Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 2 to 3 p. m.

All males between the ages of twenty and sixty years, except Confederate soldiers over the age of 50 years, are liable to a poll tax of \$1, and all persons so liable are especially requested to give the number of their respective school districts in making their returns.

It will be a matter of much accommodation to me if as many taxpayers as possible will appear at the respective appointments mentioned above, so as to avoid the rush at Chester during the closing days.

While I am taking returns at the various places my assistant will be in the office and will take your returns.

M. C. PITDORE,
County Auditor.

Chester, S. C. Nov. 30th, 1915.

Auto Transfer

Phone us for night or day service.

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FINAL DISCHARGE.
Notice is hereby given that on January 6, 1916 I will file my final return as administrator of the Estate of William H. Finch, Deceased in the Probate Court for Chester County and apply for said Court for Letters of Dismissal as such administrator.

MRS. MARY F. FINCH,
Adm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson I.—First Quarter, For Jan. 2, 1916.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Acts 1: 1-11.—Memory Verse, 10: 11.—Golden Text, Eph. iv, 8.—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Luke tells us that in his former treatise, his gospel, he had written of all that Jesus began to do and teach, and this book, which we begin tonight, will be called the record of that which Jesus continued to do and teach through His apostles, notably Peter and John and Paul and the evangelists Stephen and Philip. Note the order of the words "do and teach" and the many places where the order is the same or the parallel words "seen and heard." The things are seen and the teaching is heard (Mark vi, 39, Acts iv, 20; 1 John 1: 3). We cannot properly teach what we have not first learned to do. The day in which we were taken up to see the Lord in the taking up of Ephraim and Joseph and toward the taking up of all true believers at His coming to the earth for His people (1 Thess. iv, 16-18). In the forty days between His resurrection and ascension, He showed Himself alive at least ten times and after His ascension twice to Paul, also to Stephen and John. The same Holy Spirit who controlled Him before His death spoke by Him after His resurrection and, as always, conveying the kingdom of God.

Note how this book, like the whole Bible, begins and ends with the kingdom of God (Acts xxviii, 23, 29), but the kingdom of God is not a mere dominion over all things on the whole earth, given to Christ by the Father and by Christ shared with His people. It is the kingdom of God as ruled by John the Baptist and the Lord Jesus and the twelve and the seventy, and being violently rejected and the kingdom of God was postponed till He shall come again, according to Luke xiv, 11, 12; Acts iii, 20, 21. The disciples understood, and rightly, too, that the center of the kingdom will be a restored Israel, for apart from a righteous Israel and the throne of the Lord at Jerusalem the long predicted kingdom cannot be. The kingdom being rejected and postponed and the time of the King's return known only to God, He is gathering from all the world to elect people who shall reign with Him when He shall come again to set up His kingdom. This is the mystery hidden in the ages past and revealed since the time of Paul (Eph. 3: 6). To this end the Holy Spirit has been specially sent to testify of a risen and glorified Christ, who is waiting by His Father's right hand for the building of His body, the church, His Eve, who shall share with Him the dominion as truly as Rebecca and Ruth shared with Isaac and Boaz all their wealth.

The disciples were to wait for the special power for His service and, needing the power of the Holy Spirit, then bear witness for the Lord from Jerusalem unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

The great testimony is that Jesus Christ is risen and alive forevermore at the right hand of the Father and glorified in glory, who is waiting by His Father's right hand for the building of His body, the church, His Eve, who shall share with Him the dominion as truly as Rebecca and Ruth shared with Isaac and Boaz all their wealth.

More human wisdom cannot grasp His purpose, nor can the best scholarship understand or be of any use to Him apart from the only revelation and the only teacher, the Holy Spirit. When He had spoken His last message to them, while they beheld He was taken up into heaven, or as it is written in Luke xiv, 50, 51, "While He blessed them, He was parted from them and carried up into heaven." What other statement they must have seen Him ascend from their midst and how steadfastly they must have gazed upon Him until the cloud hid Him from their sight.

We do not know that any one said he was swept away in a whirlwind of his horses and chariot of fire, but a quiet, visible taking as He talked with them and blessed them, suggestive of the fact that He is still blessing us or ready to bless us.

As they, in wonder and awe, watched the cloud that hid Him from their view two men stood by them and said: "Ye men of Galilee, stand up, for He would come again in like manner."

One result of the message was that they worked for Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and continued in prayer and praise (verse 14; Luke xiv, 22, 23). There is no more joyful task than that of the coming again of the Lord Jesus to the earth to welcome His people and then back to His Father with His people and the Kingdom, with the throne of David in His earthly center (Zeph. iii, 14, 15; Zech. xiv, 4, 9; Luke 1: 32, 33). These heavenly messengers may have been angels, for angels are sometimes called men, as in Gen. xxi, 2, or, for aught we know, they may have been Moses and Elijah.

But it is the message of the heavenly angels that should hold us and be earnestly proclaimed. "This same Jesus who will come again in like manner, the death, nor the destruction of Jerusalem, nor even the coming of the Holy Spirit as your Comforter, but this same Jesus Christ."

Christmas Prayer

COME Thou, dear Prince, Oh come to us this holy Christmas time! Come to the busy marts of earth, the quiet houses, the noisy streets, the humble lanes. Come to us all, and bring us the best of a human heart, that we may know that love, and its blessed peace, bear charity to all mankind.

—Eugene Field.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE BIRDS

Scandinavian Custom of Providing Feast of Barley for Feathered Creatures.

Among the other delightful traits of the Scandinavian people is their custom in their Yule festivities of thinking not only of the happiness of their little ones, but of teaching these children to bear in mind the happiness of others and in particular of the animals about for a Christmas feast for the birds!

At the Yule-tide season, we are told, the market place of Christmas presents a very gay aspect, filled in as it is with aprons of all sizes for the children's festival. But there is a feature in the Norse Christmas that I have not heard of in any other country in that in this market place there is for each Christmas tree a Julepeng, or little sheaf of barley, each person who buys a tree also buys a sheaf. Then, when the tree is set up in the room of the house at Yule-tide for the barn (born, as they are called in Norway) the sheaf of grain is fastened on the end of a pole and put out in the yard for a Christmas feast for the birds!

Christmas comes but once a year, but we can keep the spirit of it throughout the year if we will.

I will think of the Christmas tree, the lights, the gifts, the feast, the snow, the cold, the joy, the love, the peace, the hope, the faith, the charity, the kindness, the gentleness, the meekness, the patience, the long-suffering, the goodness, the faithfulness, the purity, the holiness, the righteousness, the truth, the beauty, the glory, the honor, the praise, the worship, the adoration, the love, the joy, the peace, the hope, the faith, the charity, the kindness, the gentleness, the meekness, the patience, the long-suffering, the goodness, the faithfulness, the purity, the holiness, the righteousness, the truth, the beauty, the glory, the honor, the praise, the worship, the adoration, the love, the joy, the peace, the hope, the faith, the charity, the kindness, the gentleness, the meekness, the patience, the long-suffering, the goodness, the faithfulness, the purity, the holiness, the righteousness, the truth, the beauty, the glory, the honor, the praise, the worship, the 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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CHESTER

By A. W. Wise, Esquire, Probate Judge.

Whereas, C. C. Edwards made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Elvira Mayfield deceased.

These are therefore to be and to remain all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Elvira Mayfield, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at my office in Chester S. C. on January 10th next after publication hereof at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 27 day of December A. D. 1915.

A. W. WISE, Judge of Probate. Published on the 28 day of December 1915 in the Semi-Weekly News.

LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS.

At a recent meeting of Chester Lodge No. 18, A. F. M., the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: R. H. Clowney, W. M.; M. L. Marlen, S. W.; J. S. Caldwell, J. W.; E. W. Page, S. D.; Ralph Wall, J. D.; E. O. Steinback and Alex. Frazer, Stewards and J. W. White, Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Nail of Charlotte, spent the holidays with Mrs. M. A. Nail on York street.

Mr. J. T. Howard and son, Leon, who have been spending the holidays at their home in the city, will tomorrow return to City Point, Va., where they hold positions with the DuPont Powder Co.

The many friends of Mrs. A. W. Ellison will regret to learn that she recently suffered a stroke of paralysis. For several days past she has been showing signs of improvement but as to whether or not she will fully recover from the stroke cannot yet be stated.

BREVITIES.

Tomorrow marks the closing of all dispensaries in the Palmetto State.

Don't you wish Santa had brought you a tax receipt so you wouldn't have to go down in your jeans for the where-with-all.

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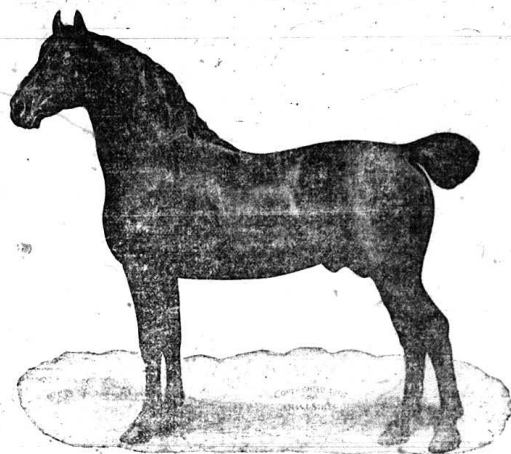
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Leases Buffalo Lick Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Thomas, who have made their home at Santee for a number of years, move this week to Canale, where they will assume the management of the Buffalo Lick Hotel. This hotel has been run the past year by Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Hancock, who expect to move to Union in the early part of the year and will take charge of a boarding house here. —Union Progress.

We are mighty glad the Fire department enjoyed the Holidays.

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At the offices of the company today it was intimated, however, that the advances had long been contemplated.

The advance is said to be about 13 per cent for conductors and more than that for porters. At the commission hearings it was testified that conductors start at \$70 per month. The porter said that he received \$12 a month and often made \$75 additional in tips. Other porters generally received a smaller wage.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CHESTER.

By A. W. Wise Esquire, Probate Judge.

Whereas, C. C. Edwards made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Elvira Mayfield deceased.

These are therefore to do and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Elvira Mayfield, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at my office in Chester S. C. on January 10th next after publication hereof at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 27 day of December A. D. 1915.

A. W. WISE, Judge of Probate.
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LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS.

At a recent meeting of Chester Lodge No. 15, A. F. M., the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: R. H. Clowney, W. M.; M. L. Marion, S. W.; J. S. Caldwell, J. W.; E. W. Page, S. D.; Ralph Wall, J. D.; E. O. Steinback and Alex. Frazer, Stewards and J. W. White, Tiler.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Nail of Charlotte, spent the holidays with Mr. M. A. Nail on York street.

Mr. J. T. Howard and son, Leon, who have been spending the holidays at their home in the city, will tomorrow return to City Point, Va., where they hold positions with the DuPont Powder Co.

The many friends of Mrs. A. W. Ellison will regret to learn that she recently suffered a stroke of paralysis. For several days past she has been showing signs of improvement but as to whether or not she will fully recover from the stroke cannot yet be stated.

BREVITIES.

Tomorrow marks the closing of all dispensaries in the Palmetto State.

Don't you wish Santa had brought you a tax receipt so you wouldn't have to go down in your jeans for the where-with-all.

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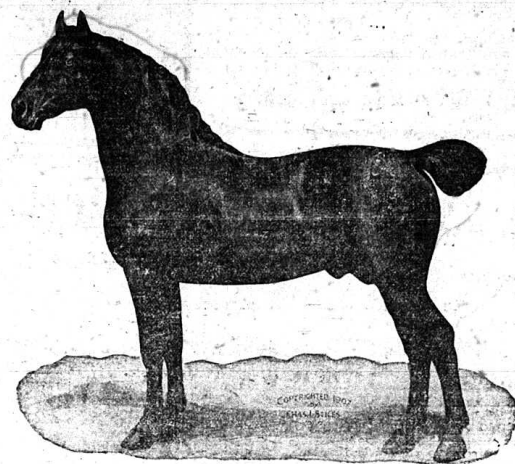
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Leases Buffalo Lick Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Thomas, who have made their home at Santee for a number of years moves this week to Camden, where they will assume the management of the Buffalo Lick Hotel. This hotel has been run the past year by Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Hancock, who expect to move to Unlap in the early part of the year and will take charge of a boarding house here. —Union Progress.

We are mighty glad the Fire department enjoyed the Holidays.

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